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LETTER DATED 7 DECEMBER 1994 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that your letter of 10 November 1994 concerning the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) on Somalia has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the information contained therein.

The Council continues to believe that the United Nations should do its utmost to sustain humanitarian activities in Somalia. The Council therefore welcomes the statement by the members of IASC reconfirming their commitment to continue to the maximum extent possible emergency and rehabilitation activities even beyond the expiry of the mandate of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM), and their agreement to adopt a common and coordinated approach to such activities. The Council has consistently recognized that the cooperation of the Somalis on security issues is critical to the continuation of humanitarian activities and agrees fully with the IASC conclusion that the Somali people bear responsibility for ensuring conditions which will permit the effective implementation of humanitarian, rehabilitation and development programmes.

In this context, the members of the Council recall their willingness to encourage you to play a facilitating or mediating political role in respect of Somalia after March 1995 if that is what the Somalis want and if the Somali parties are willing to cooperate with the United Nations. They also note that, in resolution 954 (1994), the Council requested you to continue to monitor the situation in Somalia and the security situation for humanitarian personnel in Somalia and they look forward to receiving your report at an appropriate time.

(Signed) Manzi BAKURAMUTSA
President of the Security Council

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